

Stokes Castle

Austin, Lander County

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Stokes Castle, July 4th, 1935
Austin, NV

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Anson Phelps Stokes, mine developer, railroad magnate, and member of a prominent eastern family, built Stokes Castle as a summer home for his sons. After the castle (or the tower, as the Stokes family always referred to it) was completed in June 1897, the Stokes family used it for two months. Since then, with one possible exception, the structure has remained unoccupied.

Stokes Castle is made of granite. The huge stones, raised with a hand winch, were held in position by rock wedging and clay mortar. The architectural model for the castle was a medieval tower Anson Stokes had seen and admired near Rome. This building originally had three floors, each with a fireplace, plate glass windows, balconies on the second and third floors, and a battlemented terrace on the roof. It had sumptuous furnishings and plumbing quite adequate for the time.

The structure stands as an abiding monument to the men who built it and to those who helped develop Austin.

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